IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

SHENESHA N. HARDIN,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No. 2:22-cv-2504

M & J TRANSPORTATION LLC OF MS, M & J TRANSPORT, INC., RODRICKUS DESHUN HUNT, and JOHN DOE 1-3

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE HONRABLE JUDGES IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, WESTERN DIVISION:

COME NOW Defendants M & J Transportation LLC of MS ("M & J") and Rodrickus Deshun Hunt ("Hunt") (collectively "Defendants"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully aver that:

- 1. On February 11, 2022, Plaintiff Shenesha N. Hardin ("Plaintiff") filed her Original Complaint against Defendants John Doe Company, Rodrickus Deshun Hunt and John Doe 1-3, styled *Shenesha N. Hardin v. John Doe Company, Rodrickus Deshun Hunt and John Doe 1-3*, Case No. CT-0560-22. The Complaint and Summonses are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 2. On March 28, 2022, Plaintiff Shenesha N. Hardin ("Plaintiff") filed an Amended Complaint against Defendants in the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, styled *Shenesha N. Hardin v. M & J Transportation LLC of MS, M & J Transport, Inc., Rodrickus Deshun Hunt,*

and John Doe 1-3, Case No. CT-0560-22. The Summons and Amended Complaint are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

- 3. Defendant M & J was served by private process server on July 19, 2022 with a copy of the Summons and Amended Complaint.
- 4. On information and belief, at the time of filing this Notice of Removal, Defendant Hunt has not been served by Plaintiff.
- 5. On information and belief, at the time of filing this Notice of Removal, Defendant M & J Transportation, Inc. has not been served by Plaintiff. Further, M & J Transport, Inc. is not related to or in any way a part of Defendant M & J Transportation LLC of MS
- 6. According to the Amended Complaint, this lawsuit arises from an automobile accident which occurred on April 27, 2021, in Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee ("the Accident"). See generally Exhibit A.
- 7. In the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that as a result of the Accident, Plaintiff sustained serious and painful physical injuries, emotional pain and suffering, and lost wages among other injuries and damages. *See generally* **Exhibit A**.
- 8. In the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff prays "for a reasonable amount of restitution and compensation for damages the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00)." See generally Exhibit A.
 - 9. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was a resident of the State of Tennessee.
- 10. At all times material hereto, Defendant M & J was a Mississippi Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in Mississippi.
- At all times material hereto, Defendant Hunt was a resident of Panola County,
 Mississippi.

- 12. The Amended Complaint is a civil action over which this Court has jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1332, in that complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiff and Defendants and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.
 - 13. The Amended Complaint is removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 14. Notice of Removal has been timely served on the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Tennessee and Plaintiff. A copy of such Notice of Filing of Removal is attached hereto as **Exhibit** C.

WHEREFORE, Defendants M & J Transportation LLC of MS and Rodrickus Deshun Hunt pray that the above-captioned lawsuit, now pending in the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Tennessee be removed to this Honorable Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on August 9, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via the Court's electronic mail system to:

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